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Overview

During April 2009, the Northern Command had another successful month in patrolling our highways. Northern Command personnel handled 256 crashes in April 2009. An overview of the crashes showed, 176 were property damage, 77 were injury, and three were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 2.7% compared to last year. When compared to April of last year, fatalities increased from two to three fatal crashes. As compared to April 2008, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased by 11% in 2009 to 10 crashes. In our overall April 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 11 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 117 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .16% or twice the legal limit in Nevada. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 34 years old. Our officers arrested 208 people on various charges over the month of April. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,589 speeding citations, 714 hazardous moving citations and 388 seat belt citations.

In the area of public relations, Trooper Chuck Allen worked with multiple agencies on the sixth annual Tip-a-Cop fundraiser. Tip-a-Cop very successful and raised \$3,500 in donations for the Special Olympics program. Trooper Allen presented three drivers' education lectures in our area high schools and our agency attended the Safety and Health Fair at the North Valley High School.

The officers' work activity is provided to the State in attempt to reduce the severity of traffic crashes and to assist the motoring public in all needs of law enforcement services. Our Northern Command will continue to strive on professionalism and courtesy in accomplishing a safer driving experience for our State's citizens and visitors.

NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	April 09	April 08	% Change	March 09	% Change
Total Crashes	256	263	-2.7%	297	-13.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	176	176	0.0%	204	-13.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	77	84	-8.3%	90	-14.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	2	50.0%	3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	11	8	37.5%	26	-57.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	2	100.0%	3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	18	11.1%	12	66.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	18	16	12.5%	10	80.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	3	-33.3%	2	0.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 75.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.8%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	April 09		April 08	% Change		March 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	11		8	37.5%		26	-57.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	106		123	-13.8%		105	1.0%
Other Arrests	446		537	-16.9%		452	-1.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	208		248	-16.1%		210	-1.0%
Speed violations	2589		2566	0.9%		2327	11.3%
Hazardous moving violations	714		716	-0.3%		630	13.3%
Occupant restraint violations ##	388		459	-15.5%		318	22.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	6712		6300	6.5%		5723	17.3%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	31		17	82.4%		22	40.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	38		12	216.7%		12	216.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	663		778	-14.8%		664	-0.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		0	200.0%		2	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	463		35	1222.9%		228	103.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2439		1986	22.8%		1744	39.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	133		77	72.7%		76	75.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	92		65	41.5%		68	35.3%
Total school buses inspected	102		209	-51.2%		176	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	22		17	29.4%		29	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	2386		171	1295.3%		331	0.0%
Total overweight citations	37		37	-0.0%		20	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	321		955	-66.4%		224	43.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	5		0	500.0%		0	500.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April 2009	April 2008	% Change	Mar 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	245497	238939	2.7%	255838	-4.0 %
CAD Incidents	21407	19279	11.0%	18090	18.3%
Telephone Calls	16655	17518	-4.9%	15220	9.4%
CAD Logs	333860	155329	114.9%	147888	125.8%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	254	276	-7.97%	342	-25.73%
Arrest Reports Processed	258	259	-0.39%	257	0.39%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	39	33	18.18%	31	25.81%
Office Accident Reports Taken	10	6	66.67%	22	-54.55%
Citations Processed	3,558	3,351	6.18%	3858	-7.78%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1	0	100.0%	2	-50%
Visitors at Counter	176	82	114.63%	187	-5.88%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$831.50	\$885.50	-6.10%	\$648.60	28.20%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	670	351	90.9%	577	16.1%
Warrants Entered	512	80	540.0%	499	2.6%
Warrants Cleared	360	279	29.0%	547	-34.2%
Warrants Validated	127	2731	-95.3%	1852	-93.1%
Extradition / Transports	28	20	40.0%	36	-22.2%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.16 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Two (2) Contracts using 20.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$1,356.36

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
288	6	11	0	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
42	165	5	0	2	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Trooper Allen attended a meeting with all of the state public information officers (PIO's) in northern Nevada to discuss not only current events but the potential for members to work at the Joint Information Center (JIC) should the H1N1 flu virus threaten Nevada. The JIC would be responsible for communicating one message to the general public from Carson City as that potential event evolves.
- Trooper Allen lectured at three different drivers' education classes during the month and attended a career fair with DPS Personnel at Galena High School.
- Our agency also participated in a Safety and Health Fair at North Valley High School.
- In some other visual news, the public information officer's vehicle received a new makeover that included new graphics and a grill. These features were sponsored by two area businesses, Silverado Casino and Trimline Truck Accessories.
- We coordinated media coverage for the multi-law enforcement DUI checkpoint that took place in Reno. This event was successful as over 1200 vehicles were screened that resulted in over 90 citations issued and 5 DUI arrests made. DPS/Highway Patrol attended a press conference that highlighted the "Lo-Jack" equipment that was recently installed in some of our patrol units. Motor vehicles that have this after-market theft device installed will alert law enforcement officers by honing in on signal device transmitting from the stolen vehicle. This press event was covered by four television stations and two newspapers.
- Troopers from DPS/Highway Patrol and other DPS employees participated in our 6th annual "Tip-A-Cop" event at Claim Jumper in Reno. The four-hour event generated just over \$3,500 in 4 hours as officers and troopers assisted waiters and waitresses in uniform on their own time. All of the money raised will stay in northern Nevada allowing athletes involved in the Special Olympics programs to train and participate at no costs.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 12 flights during the month of April for a total of 41.1 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of flight activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
5	18.6	46	Speed Enforcement
6	12.9	31	Prisoner Transport
1	4.2	10	Personnel Transport
1	3.0	7	Pilot Training
1	2.4	6	Property Transport

The Chief was flown to Las Vegas on the 2nd to attend a meeting. An alternator failure on the 8th forced the cancellation of a prisoner transport.

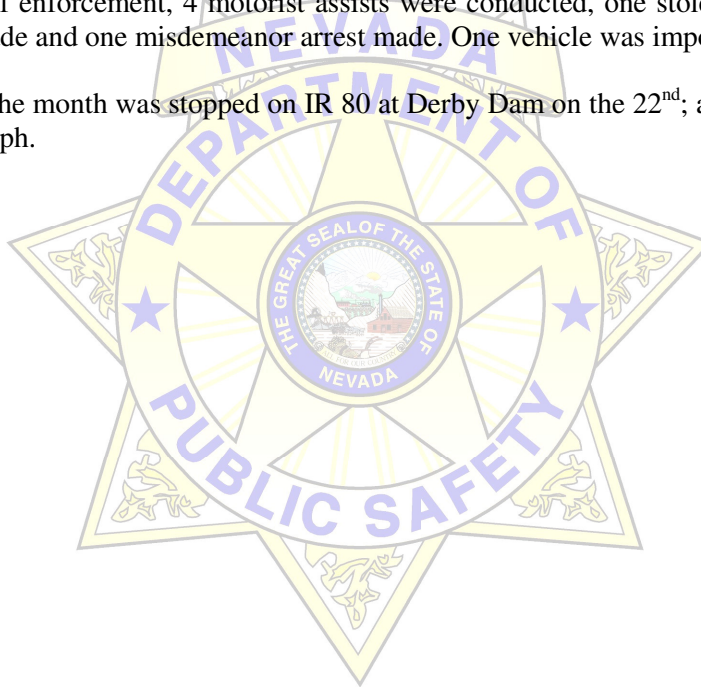
Air 3 met with Air 2 in Tonopah on the 9th to ferry computers to Las Vegas. On the 29th, all three division airplanes met in Tonopah to conduct formation flight training in preparation for a flyover at the dedication of the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Las Vegas NHP office on May 1.

Ten speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, 5 were flown. 4 missions were cancelled due to bad weather, 1 was cancelled for training. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	188
Hazardous	9
Non-Hazardous	19
Seat belt	2

During the course of enforcement, 4 motorist assists were conducted, one stolen car was recovered, one felony arrest made and one misdemeanor arrest made. One vehicle was impounded.

The high speed for the month was stopped on IR 80 at Derby Dam on the 22nd; a white Toyota pickup was clocked at 94 mph.



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